

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 25. The claims are as follows:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A data processing method for managing transactions, comprising:

providing at least one resource manager (RM) for managing changes to respective system resources of a data processing system;

providing a resource manager coordinator (RMC) for coordinating commit-backout activities of the at least one resource manager, said resource manager coordinator (RMC) being hosted by the data processing system;

receiving, by the data processing system, a business service request from a remote computer system to perform a task, said task comprising both compliant processes complying with a commit/backout protocol and non-compliant processes not complying with a commit/backout protocol, said compliant processes running on the data processing system and said non-compliant processes running on a counterpart processing system that is coupled to the data processing system by a labile link;

providing at least one extended resource manager (ERM) comprised by the data processing system for managing an execution and compensation of the task, said resource manager coordinator (RMC) being adapted to coordinate compensation services of the at least one extended resource manager (ERM);

determining by the at least one extended resource manager (ERM), upon receipt of a

backout request resulting from the execution of the compliant processes running on the data processing system and the non-compliant processes running on the counterpart processing system, compensation actions to transform the system resources into a mutually consistent state that differs from an initially consistent state of the system resources that existed prior to the execution of the non-compliant processes, wherein changes to the system resources resulting from the execution of the non-compliant processes transform the system resources into a mutually inconsistent state, and wherein the changes to the system resources resulting from the execution of the non-compliant processes cannot be backed out to transform the system resources from the mutually inconsistent state to the initially consistent state due to the labile link and associated communication problems between the data processing system and the counterpart processing system;

recording information, by an information recording service, concerning the compensation actions performed during the execution of the non-compliant processes;

determining, by the extended resource manager (ERM), the compensation actions on the basis of the information recorded by the information recording service;

backing out the changes to the system resources resulting from execution of the compliant processes before performing the compensation actions, resulting in generation of misaligned logically-correlated data associated with the task;

after completion of said ~~immediately~~ backing out and before performing the compensation actions, rendering the misaligned logically-correlated data public to other tasks; and

performing the compensation actions after said rendering the temporarily misaligned

logically-correlated data public to other tasks.

26-36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the data processing system is a front-end server of a banking system, wherein the remote computer comprises a bank ATM from which the business service request is received by the data processing system, and wherein the counterpart processing system is a server in a banking agency.